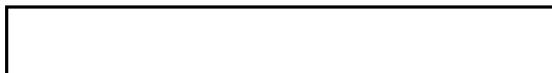


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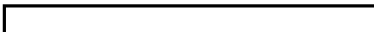
The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

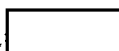
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 18, November 27, December 7 and December 14 with respect to the above subject. I wish to thank you for making this material available to us.

Due to previous name checks and other information furnished by your Bureau in the past, this Agency had been aware of sufficient of this derogatory information to deny any proposed direct use or consultation with the subject. However, for the purpose of clarifying the record, I wish to refer to one or two statements in the letter of November 7 to you from 

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In this letter it is stated, inter alia, that subject has enjoyed access to critical activities of certain departments and agencies including "the Central Intelligence Agency", to "the evidence on which some of the principal CIA estimates is based" and that "he has oriented or dominated key policies of every principal U. S. security department and agency except the FBI".

While, of course, we do not know to what extent he has had access to CIA reports and estimates or the underlying

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information through other agencies to which these reports might have been disseminated, I wish to point out that he has not had direct access to such reports through us and that he has not "oriented or dominated" any policies of this agency so far as I am aware.

Your recent compilation of reports on subject will be most helpful for our future guidance.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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